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SUBJ: GOVERNOR GENERAL OPENS FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SESSION

SUMMARY: AT CEREMONIAL OPENING OF FIRST SESSION MOZAMBIQUE' S
NEW LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ON MAY 15, ATTENDED BY COMMANDER IN
CHIEF OF ARMED FORCES, ARCHBISHOP, RECTOR OF UNIVERSITY, PRO-
VINCIAL SECRETARIES, DEPARTMENT HEADS, NEWSPAPER EDITORS,
CONSULAR CORPS AND OTHER NOTABLES, GOVGEN PIMENTEL DOS SANTOS
PROVIDED SURVEY OF INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC SCENE SIMILAR

TO THOSE WHICH HE HAS GIVEN ON SIMILAR OCCASIONS BEFORE. HE
GAVE SOMBER PICTURE OF OUTSIDE WORLD, BUT SPOKE OPTIMISTIC-
ALLY OF PROGRESS IN MOZAMBIQUE IN DOMESTIC POLITICAL DEVELOP-
MENT, IN MILITARY SITUATION, AND IN ALL ASPECTS OF ECONOMY.
END SUMMARY.

1. FOREIGN AND NATIONAL AFFAIRS: IN FAMILIAR TERMS, GOVGEN
OUTLINED SOMBER PICTURE OF WORLD IN WHICH WEAK WEST RETREAT-
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ING BEFORE ADVANCING COMMUNISM, WITH BRAVE LITTLE PORTUGAL
BARING COMMUNISM' S ROUTE TO SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE REFERRED
AT LENGTH TO RECENT PATRIOTIC SPEECHES BY PRESIDENT, FONMIN,
AND OVERSEAS MINISTER, AND RENEWED DENUNCIATION OF SUBVERSION

OF PORTUGUESE YOUTH IN METROPOLE. HE CONTRASTED RECENT " INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF TREASON IN... A SINISTER CONCLAVE" (PRESUMABLY AVEIRO CONGRESS) WITH " DIALOGUE OF POWER WITH PEOPLE THROUGH THEIR QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVES" AND " NEW STYLE OF GOVERNMENT, MORE OPEN AND LESS DOGMATIC," WHICH EMERGED FROM TOMAR. HE EULOGIZED GENERAL KAULZA DE ARRIAGA (THOUGH WITH NO HINT THAT COMMANDER MIGHT BE LEAVING) AND WAR DEAD, CONCLUDING WITH AN EMOTIONAL " TREASON WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. I REPEAT, TREASON WILL NOT BE TOLERATED." FINALLY, HE PRAISED BRAZIL- PORTUGAL RELATIONS AND FORECAST THAT TWO TOGETHER WOULD INEVITABLY COME TO BE NEW LUSITANIAN FORCE IN WORLD BASED ON THEIR MULTIRACIAL HARMONY, BELIEF IN DIALOGUE, GEOGRAPHIC POSITIONS, AND IMMENSE RESOURCES.

2. POLITICAL SCENE: TURNING TO DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, GOVGEN SAID HE HAD MADE DETAILED REEXAMINATION OF ALL ASPECTS MOZAMBIQUE SCENE. MOST IMPORTANT POLITICAL EVENT WAS PROCESS OF ELECTIONS, BEGINNING WITH MUNICIPAL AND STATE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS AND TO BE COMPLETED BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS IN OCTOBER, IN WHICH " PARTICIPATION OF LOCAL POPULATIONS" IN GOVERNMENT IS " CLEARLY ESTABLISHED AND PROGRESSING." SECOND, HE POINTED TO THE INSTALLATION OF SELF- GOVERNMENT IN ALDEAMENTOS AS " AN EFFORT AT POLITICIZING RURAL MASSES WHICH WILL BE BEST ANTIDOTE TO LIES OF SUBVERSION." ON POLITICO" ECONOMIC SIDE HE OFFERED HOPE THAT COMMERCIAL PROBLEMS WOULD IMPROVE AS ECONOMY GREW, AND PROMISED WORKERS THAT MEASURES UNDERWAY TO RAISE WAGES WITHIN " LIMITS OF JUST AND POSSIBLE" BUT WARNED THAT " ILLEGAL METHODS OF DEMANDS" WOULD BE RE-PRESSED. HE CONGRATULATED HIMSELF FOR CLEAR DECLINE IN " CERTAIN SUBVERSIVE OR PRE- SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES". TO WHICH HE HAD REFERRED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES, AND CONCLUDED WITH PAT ON BACK FOR PRESS.

3. MILITARY SITUATION: HE NOTED LITTLE CHANGE IN SITUATION. PRINCIPAL ENEMY EFFORT IN TETE, WHERE IT SOUGHT IMPEDE CABORA BASSA, BLOCK INTERNATIONAL ROAD TRAFFIC, AND PENETRATE SOUTH AND EAST OF TETE ISTHMUS: FIRST TWO UNSUCCESSFUL AND " LITTLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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GROUPS INFILTRATED IN ISTHMUS ARE SUBJECT TO ADEQUATE COUNTER-MEASURES." IN NIASSA ENEMY REMAINS BROKEN UP AND WHOLLY INEFFECTIVE; IN CABO DELGADO SITUATION STATIONARY, WITH OCCASIONAL ENEMY ATTEMPTS BREAK THROUGH TO SOUTH UNSUCCESSFUL. ON OTHER HAND, MOZAMBICANS NOW CONSTITUTING 60 PERCENT OF PORTUGUESE FORCES AND ENORMOUS EFFORTS BEING MADE TO RAISE STANDARDS OF LIVING IN WAR AREAS: AS OF MARCH 31, THERE WERE 913 ALDEAMENTOS WITH 970,000 INHABITANTS (WHO HAD RECEIVED 25,000 HECTARES PREPARED LAND, 959 WATER SUPPLY SOURCES), 51 OF WHICH ALREADY ELECTRIFIED. ENEMY ATTACKING ALDEAMENTOS WITH MINES AND HOSTILE PROPAGANDA, BUT THEY OPEN FOR ALL WORLD TO SEE.

4. ECONOMIC SITUATION: GDP WILL ATTAIN 60 MILLION CONTOS (US\$ 2.4 BILLION) AT 1963 PRICES IN CURRENT YEAR-- WILL REACH 100 MILLION CONTOS (US\$ 4 BILLION) BY 1979, WITH CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN PER CAPITA GDP. OVER THREE QUARTERS GDP NOW IN MONEY ECONOMY, AND CAPITAL FORMATION NOW 11 PERCENT. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS UP 166 PERCENT IN LAST DECADE; REACHED 4 MILLION CONTOS (US\$ 160 MILLION) IN 1972 AND WILL ATTAIN 4.55 MILLION (US\$ 180 MILLION) IN 1973. INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION ATTAINED 12.7 MILLION CONTOS (US\$ 508 MILLION), WITH NEW INVESTMENTS OF 10 MILLION (US\$ 400 MILLION) IN PROCESS-- 1976 PRODUCTION WILL BE DOUBLE THAT OF 1970. FISHING INDUSTRY PERKING UP, TOURISM TO RECEIVE 650,000 CONTOS (US\$ 26 MILLION) NEW INVESTMENTS, AND EVEN MINING SHOWING SIGNS OF LIFE, WHILE CONSUMER PRICES TENDING TO STABILIZE OR DRIFT DOWNWARDS.

5. FINANCE: 1972 BUDGET RECEIPTS WERE 12

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